REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of December 25, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On December 22, 2006, Myriam Bedard, a two-time Canadian Olympic gold medalist, was arrested in Columbia, MD by members of CARFTF. CARFTF acted on a Provisional Arrest Warrant relating to a warrant from Quebec City, Quebec, Canada charging Bedard with Parental Abduction after she allegedly fled with her twelve year old daughter. Investigators from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police contacted CARFTF for assistance after developing information indicating that Bedard fled into the United States with her current husband and the child. After receiving the Provisional Arrest Warrant, CARFTF, with critical assistance from the Financial Surveillance Unit (FSU), developed information indicating that Bedard moved through a series of hotel in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. CARFTF later identified the specific hotel Bedard checked in to, responded to that site, and safely took her into custody. CARFTF took custody of Bedard's daughter and transported her to the proper Canadian officials. Bedard remains in custody pending extradition proceedings.



Myriam Bedard Wanted for: Parental Abduction

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On December 29, 2006, Charles Raynard Dickens was arrested in Greenwood, MS by members of GCRFTF and deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Northern District of Mississippi. Authorities in Texas wanted Dickens for two counts of Capital Murder, as well as one count of Aggravated Robbery. Investigators from the Northern District of Texas' Dallas / Ft. Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team developed information indicating that Dickens fled to the Greenwood area, and contacted GCRFTF for assistance. DUSMs and GCRFTF personnel acted on this new lead, responded to the target area, and conducted numerous interviews and surveillances. Investigators, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), later identified Dickens' exact location, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody. Dickens remains in custody pending extradition.



Charles Raynard Dickens
Wanted for:
Capital Murder &
Aggravated Robbery

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On December 27, 2006, Namor Smith was arrested in Cedar Rapids, IA by deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Northern District of Iowa, who acted on information developed and provided by GLRFTF investigators. The Illinois Department of Corrections wanted Smith for Parole Violation, while the Chicago, IL PD also sought him for Criminal Sexual Assault. The latter charge relates to an incident during which Smith allegedly lured the victim, a mentally challenged male, to a halfway house where Smith held and sexually abused him over a two day period. GLRFTF, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information indicating that Smith fled to the Cedar Rapids area, and forwarded that information to DUSMs there. Investigators from the Northern District of Iowa quickly acted on the new information, responded to Smith's location, and safely took him into custody. Smith has a lengthy criminal history of Murder, weapons offenses, and Assault.



Namor Smith
Wanted for:
Criminal Sex Assault
& Parole Violation

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

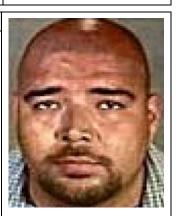
On December 20, 2006, Julian Dale Pipkins was arrested in Miami, FL by deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Southern District of Florida, who acted on information developed and provided by SERFTF investigators. Authorities in Fayette County (GA) wanted Pipkins for Failure to Appear after, on November 06, 2006, he fled prior to a trial on charges of Child Molestation and Statutory Rape. These original charges relate to Pipkins' alleged assault on a twelve year old girl. Investigators developed information indicating that Pipkins, with assistance from his son, attempted to fake his death in Galveston, TX in order to avoid prosecution. SERFTF, with assistance from the Southern District of Texas, Western District of Louisiana, the Technical Operations Group (TOG), and the Financial Surveillance Unit (FSU), developed information indicating that Pipkins fled to the Miami area. SERFTF passed this information along to Marshals Service investigators in Miami, who immediately acted and safely took Pipkins into custody. Incident to Pipkins' arrest, investigators seized a falsified identification card from him. Pipkins remains in custody pending extradition to Georgia.



Julian Dale Pipkins Wanted for: Failure to Appear

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On December 27, 2006, Oscar Gallegos was arrested in Santa Ana, CA by members of PSWRFTF and personnel from the Long Beach and Santa Ana, CA PDs. Authorities in Long Beach wanted Gallegos for the Attempted Murder of two LBPD officers on December 22, 2006. During this incident, an LBPD unit conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Gallegos. When Gallegos' vehicle stopped, he immediately exited and allegedly opened fire on the LBPD officers, critically wounding both. PSWRFTF investigators initiated an intensive six day search for Gallegos, and later, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), identified his location in Santa Ana. During surveillance at this site, investigators observed an individual matching Gallegos' description leave the target location and travel to a local restaurant. PSWRFTF contacted a marked Santa Ana PD SWAT unit for assistance in approaching and identifying the subject. When the SWAT unit arrived, the subject, later positively identified as Gallegos, immediately opened fire on the officers. SWAT officers returned fire, striking Gallegos multiple Gallegos fell to his knees, but continued to fire on the officers before succumbing to his injuries. A search of Gallegos' remains resulted in the seizure of a .40 caliber handgun equipped with a laser sight, as well as two additional fullyloaded magazines of ammunition.



Oscar Gallegos
Wanted for:
Attempted Murder of
a Police Officer

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On December 28, 2006, Leon Antwan Ingram, a documented member of the *Bloods* gang, was arrested in Trenton, NJ by members of NY/NJ RFTF. Trenton PD wanted Ingram for Aggravated Assault and weapons offenses after he allegedly fired on an individual with a shotgun on November 29, 2006. During this incident, Ingram allegedly broke into a home in Trenton and fired upon the home's occupant when that person confronted him. Ingram's fire failed to strike the victim, who suffered no injuries during the incident. NY/NJ RFTF investigators identified Ingram's probable location in Trenton, responded to that site, and safely took Ingram into custody after observing him there. Investigators also took a female associate of Ingram into custody on outstanding narcotics warrants.

Bloods Gang Member



Leon Antwan Ingram
Wanted for:
Aggravated Assault